

Amendment No. 1 to HB1883

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1269*

House Bill No. 1883

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Title 33, Chapter 6, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 33-6-624.

(a) There is hereby authorized a pilot program for the east Tennessee counties of Knox, Blount and Anderson.

(b) The purpose of this pilot project will be to demonstrate a successful mandatory outpatient treatment program, as found in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 33, Chapter 6, Part 6, which will serve to enhance and coordinate service options in those counties for adults with serious and persistent mental illness as well as adults with a co-occurring alcohol and drug addiction. The maximum number of adults to be treated under this pilot project shall be one hundred (100) at any given time.

(c) Further, this pilot project will serve to divert adults from the criminal justice system by use of a safety center in Knox County. This safety center will provide a comprehensive approach to mental health and alcohol and drug treatment services for those adults with serious and persistent mental illness as well as those adults with alcohol and drug addiction in an effort to divert those adults from the criminal justice system.

(d) The pilot project shall commence on July 1, 2008 and be in effect for two (2) years. This pilot program may be extended. There shall be a report on the pilot program submitted to the chairs of the Senate general welfare committee and House health and human resources committee on January 1, 2011.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.